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**TOWN CLERK: TOWN MAYOR:**

**P G Davy Cllr M Prew**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CAERPHILLY TOWN COUNCIL HELD BY MULTI LOCATION ON 21ST JULY 2025**

**Present:**

Councillors, M Downes, J Fussell, J Grenfell, S Kent, C Lewis, A Broughton Pettit,

J Pettit, M Prew

**Apologies:**

Councillors, PJ Bevan, C Elsbury, P Reed, D Roberts

**In Attendance:**

L Gibbs Gwent Police

P Pole, E Davies, Cynefin Cymru

P G Davy, Town Clerk

Prior to the start of the meeting representatives from Cynefin Caerffili gave an update on developments relating to the Caerphilly Workmen’s Hall and Cultural Quarter project, which are part of the Caerphilly Place Making Plan. Cyefin Caerffili is a charity and CIC with the purpose of promoting and organising community based arts, cinema and theatre. The organisation had taken a lease on the former Barclays Bank as a base to develop their ideas and funding had been secured from Film Cymru and the Arts Council.

**34 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 16TH JUNE 2025**

Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council held on 16th June 2025 were received, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

**35 MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising.

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**36 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS**

A written report had been received from Gwent Police which highlighted:

* Reduction in ASB calls in Morgan Jones ward during June
* Targeted patrols in Churchill Park in late afternoons and early evenings
* Increased patrols of Gallagher Retail Park due to thefts from Currys, Aldi and B&M Bargains
* Regular patrols of Castle Grounds and Castle View Lake
* Attendance at Caerphilly Pride
* Off road bike operation in Morgan Jones Park, Pontygwindy Road and Caerphilly Mountain
* Indoor market site in Pentrebane Street continually targeted by youths
* Various community engagement events

Members raised:

* Continuing nuisance caused by e bikes
* Youths congregating in Dafydd Wiliams park
* Car fire in Bronrhiw Avenue
* Youths kicking doors in Nantgarw Road

**37 TOWN MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had visited the churches during the Flower Festival and complimented the standard of the displays. He had attended the Ukraine exhibition in Caerphilly Library, a charity football match for Velindre hospital, the Caerphilly Ladies football tournament, a celebration at Ty Hafan, and met the new team at St Martins Church.

**38 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Concern was raised at the number of vehicles entering and leaving the Virginia Park development site.

**39 TOWN CLERK’S REPORTS**

1 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The CIL payment for 2024/25 of £8790.34 was noted which takes the total CIL receipts since 2016 to £52209.55. Currently there are no projects under active consideration and the Town Council has previously decided to allow the funds to build up with a view to support a larger project. The uncommitted CIL is £25395.86.

2 Q1 Budget Monitoring 2025/26 Financial Year

Expenditure in the period 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025 was £23724.14 which represents 17% of the budget approved in November 2024. The report was noted.

3 Environment (Wales) Act 2016 – Biodiversity Statement Review

In accordance with the duty under section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 the Biodiversity Statement was reviewed but there are no substantive changes since the last three year review in 2022.

**40 PLANNING MATTERS**

A list of all planning applications received since the last Town Council in June 2025 was included on the agenda as confirmation of consultation by the Local Planning Authority. The applications are circulated as soon as received from CCBC on an individual basis and it is for Members to identify any matters they wish to raise before the expiry of the

21 day consultation period.

Councillor J Fussell declared an interest as a member of the CCBC Planning Committee.

**41 PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 List of payments were noted and approved

2 Bank account balances were noted

3 Applications for financial assistance

**Eisteddfod y Cymoedd**

A grant of £500 was awarded. Expenditure authorised under the Local Government Act 1972 section 145.

**42 CORRESPONDENCE**

1 National Urdd Eisteddfod Gwent 2027

A request for financial support had been received. It has been the practice to support local Welsh language and cultural events rather than national events. Members decided to make an exception when the Urdd locates to Gwent in 2027. It was agreed to include a sum of £1500 in the sponsored events budget for 2027/28 and the Urdd should be advised of the sponsorship commitment.

2 Proposal for Twinning Arrangement between Caerphilly Town and Dymer in Ukraine

The existing twinning between Caerphilly and Lannion in Brittany is organised and planned by the Caerphilly and District Twinning Association which is an independent body. The Town Council does not have the resources to proactively engage in and promote any twinning arrangement. It was agreed to refer the proposal to the Twinning Association for consideration.

3 Cwrt Rawlin School – Minor Authority Governor

It was agreed to confirm Councillor D Roberts as the Minor Authority Governor.

Councillor J Fussell declared an interest as a member of the Governing Body.

4 Megaday 2025

The organiser had informed the Town Council that the Megaday 2025 event would be relocated to Bedwas Workman’s Hall. As this location was outside the area of the Town Council it was agreed that any sponsorship would need to be reviewed and further information was requested on the costs of the 2025 event.

Councillor M Prew declared an interest as a founding member of the event.

**43 MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPORTS**

There were no requests.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.